

MEETING

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"In case anyone noticed, I'm not Mason Barnes," Chandler told the court as he called the meeting to order. As the meeting got under way, Chandler read from a statement prepared by Barnes. "The judge hates that he is not able to be here this morning. Uh, he had a minor medical procedure a week ago Monday. Went for a follow-up yesterday. "He's feeling good and doing well, but the doctor said he needed to take it easy for a few more days," Chandler reported. Due to the Sept. 30 meeting being specially called, the

court could only discuss the items listed on the agenda. As such, the court acknowledged receipt of the Simpson County Extension Service and the Franklin-Simpson County Ambulance Service district's 2025 tax rates. The extension service tax rates are 1.8 cents for real property, 2.67 for personal property, and 2.0 for motor vehicles. The tax rates are per \$100 of assessed value. The ambulance service tax rates are 3.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value on both real estate and personal property. Fiscal court is not required to approve tax rates for taxing districts. Chandler confirmed with county attorney Sam Phillips that the court was not setting the tax rates, just

acknowledging the rates were received. The court approved a quote to replace the restroom floor and toilet at the Simpson County Coroner's building at 206 W. Washington Street from maintenance supervisor Paul Kelley. The restroom is utilized by those who come to the coroner's office. Kelley said the necessary repairs are not due to leaks but age. "It's just way outdated," Kelley said. The quote of \$1,466.16 includes the toilet purchase price of \$183.16, as well as \$520 for labor to remove the existing toilet, sink, and water heater to allow for installation of the new flooring. All Floors in Franklin will remove the old floor and install new luxury vinyl plank

or tile from their current stock at a cost of \$763. The court later approved a budget transfer amount of \$1,500 to cover the coroner's building repairs. A cash transfer from the general fund to the jail fund

of \$101,000 was also approved, as was a slate of claims. The court then moved into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf

of the public agency. No action was taken upon returning into open session. Beverly Bragg can be reached by emailing bbragg@franklinfavorite.com.

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manager is not only working with our team leaders and staff but also making himself available for customer phone calls and in-person discussions," Dixon said. "This delays projects and routine work. I believe it only makes sense as we grow to put emphasis on succession planning that would put both our residents and our city workers in a better position going forward for future growth and planning." Dixon added that he is aware that the city has received resumes and will begin the interview process soon for an HR director. "I think this is a great opportunity to add to our team," Dixon said. Commissioners Bush and McCreary both took to social media after the Sept. 22 city commission meeting to restate their positions regarding hiring an assistant city manager. When asked if he was aware that the city still plans to hire

a human resources director in addition to an assistant city manager, and if his vote would change as a result, McCreary said it's a well-known fact that he would like to see an HR manager hired with a reasonable and fair salary. "I am not in favor of hiring an assistant city manager, especially with no retire date or any inclination of him leaving soon," McCreary said. "That hasn't been communicated with me or the inclination of any retirement date from our current city manager." McCreary said he hopes there is more discussion on this topic before moving forward, adding, "The commission would still have to vote on any proposal of hiring an individual for any job at the city." Bush commented that he believes the city needs more staff in specific areas. "Do we need more positions like the assistant city manager position? Absolutely not. I hate the thought of expanding government," Bush said, adding, "From my perspective we need a top-to-bottom assessment of everything, and we need to clearly

define what our needs are, what the city's vision is for maintaining and replacing infrastructure, and a clear direction on where we are headed. At that point, we need the right people on the bus. Because right now, we have the wrong people on the bus, and there's no point in leaving the station."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 61.820 The Simpson County Board of Elections will begin meeting monthly the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. at the Simpson County Clerk's Office, starting November 3rd, 2025. Location: 105 E Kentucky St Franklin, KY 42134 2nd Floor Conference room


Austin L. Johnson
Simpson County Clerk



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Franklin Planning & Zoning Commission has rescheduled a public hearing on October 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Franklin Police Station Conference Room, 501 West Madison Street, Franklin, KY. The City of Franklin is proposing a text amendment to the City of Franklin Planning & Zoning Regulations section 8.16 to add advanced technology centers, data centers and power generation. A copy of the proposed changes will be posted inside City Hall and the Police Station for public viewing. Any interested party may attend this public hearing.

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